



# NEWSLETTER 13 – 11<sup>th</sup> December

## Message from Head Mrs. Richardson

It has been a busy week at School and it was good fun to start the festive period with the Fayre on Wednesday. I would like to record my public thanks to the Sixth Form students, who did an awful lot of work to get the event off the ground, as well as to students and parents for their support.



Yesterday saw the recording of our Christmas music and readings, and although next year I hope we can have a more traditional carol service, it was a pleasure to be able to visit St Marys Church in Monken Hadley. In the readings, we heard about the custom of giving and receiving presents, and the words of Maya Angelou are pertinent: “among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver”. This has certainly been at the forefront of Mount House minds this week, and we have enjoyed being able to come together (outside!) as a community to act for the greater good. So many of our students have engaged with our Giving Tree and the Christmas Fayre and bauble decorating competitions. Next week we will enjoy the Christmas jumper day, and I am very much looking forward to judging the Form room decorating competition. Soon it will be the time for New Year resolutions, and I am sure we will find new ways to continue our giving, remembering that perhaps the greatest gifts we can give each other are our kindness and our time.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday, and also a very happy Hanukkah to those in our community who are celebrating.

**Sarah Richardson**





## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Lent Term 2021 Fees

The Lent Term 2021 school fees invoice will be sent to you by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Invoices will include chargeable extras for bus fares and text books which will be issued during the Lent Term. In addition, where applicable, refunds will be issued for Summer Term 2020 public examinations.

### Adverse Weather Policy

In the event of bad weather, the school will remain open whenever practically possible and parents are asked to make every endeavour to get their children to School each day. Coach drivers make every effort to reach the school, trying alternative routes where necessary. However, if the school has to close, we will transfer immediately on to our Virtual Learning Programme, to deliver timetabled lessons via Microsoft TEAMS. Please find attached our Adverse Weather Policy.

### Lent Term Buses

From next term, the main school buses will leave school at:

16.15 Mondays and Fridays

17.15 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### Lent Term Shuttle Bus

As from January, we are able to offer a shuttle bus, subject to a minimum number of students booking this service on specific days. The shuttle will be free to those students who already take the 17.15 bus; and for other students, it will cost £225 per term. We hope that this will provide all students with a degree of flexibility as to when they can return home after school, which has been requested by some parents since we reviewed the buses.

Approximate timings (tbc) will be:

- 16.15 School
- 16.18 Hadley Wood Station
- 16.30 Cockfosters Station
- 16.45 High Barnet Station

If you would like your child to be able to use this shuttle bus, please fill out the form by **Friday 11th December 2020**.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUp55DkbgcDqDZaecN3YrFx\\_1twkTT-YoBflbnsMYTAU5wlg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUp55DkbgcDqDZaecN3YrFx_1twkTT-YoBflbnsMYTAU5wlg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If you have any questions about this service, please email [coaches@mounthouse.org.uk](mailto:coaches@mounthouse.org.uk).

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME Lent Term

Well done to everyone who has taken part in clubs and societies this term.

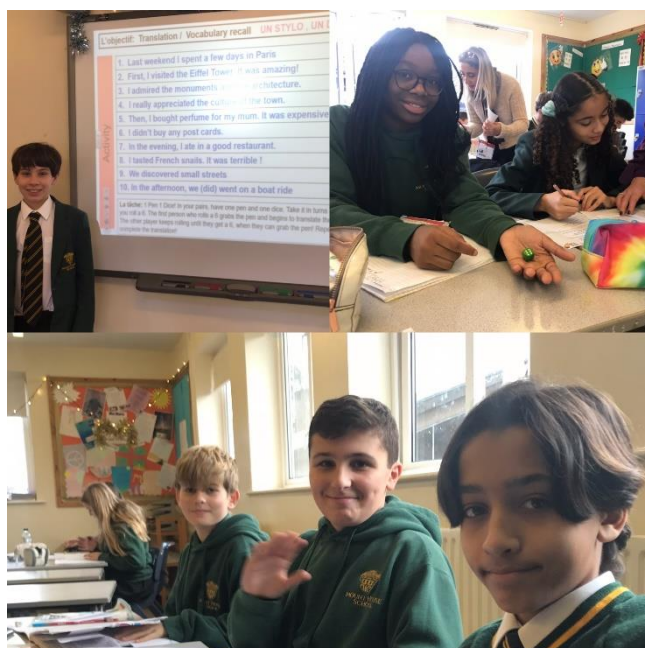
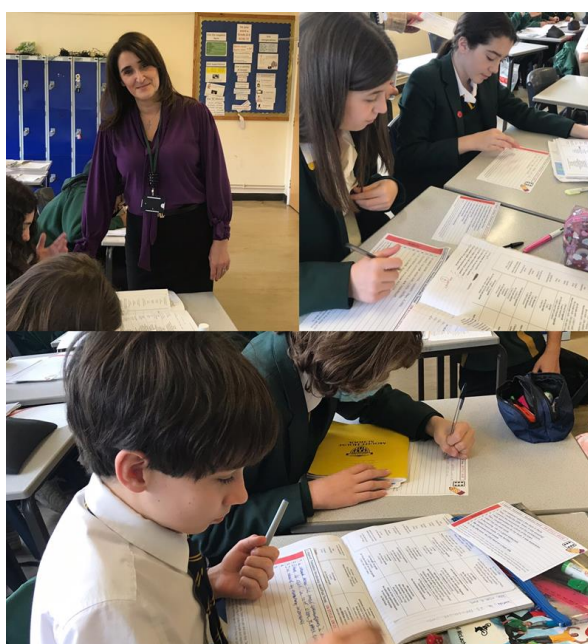


It has been fantastic to see students working both individually and with peers whilst developing knowledge in skills in their chosen activities.

We were delighted to share Lent Term Extra-Curricular Programme with you earlier this week and have also attached the timetable to this newsletter. A reminder that all students should be signing up to clubs on our Schools Online Communication System (SOCS) for next term. Please find attached user guide help you sign-up via SOCS.

## FOCUS on FRENCH with Mrs Lazouras

**Year 8** have been learning the past tense and have worked on a range of vocabulary for conversations relating to a trip to Paris. They finished the topic with a race to complete the translation! The game involved teams of two taking it in turns to roll the dice and the first person who rolls a 6 begins to translate the sentences, swapping when their partner rolls a 6. The speedy translations were rewarded with a chocolate treat!



## SPORTS with Mrs Hillcoat – Hyde

During PE lessons this week students within Key Stage 3 have been finishing their Gymnastics block with a routine. Each group had to come up with a routine using some key elements that had been looked at throughout this half of the term.

The PE Department have been delighted that they have once again been able to take students to Southgate for their Games afternoons and that alongside netball and football, they have been able to teach hockey. During Games afternoons students have various invasion games focusing on skills, teamwork, communication and tactical awareness.





Although an unusual term with various elements of the PE Curriculum having to be adapted it has been a pleasure/joy to watch our students engage with the programme and develop as individuals within a selection of sports.

Michaelmas term star performers within each year group are:

Year 7 – Tara Porter, Luca Giussani

Year 10 – Olivia Richardson

Year 8 – Nicholas Polycarpou, Mariam Demetriou

Year 11 – Antonia Nicola

Year 9 - Sofoklis Michael, Nia Ruby Forbes Agyepong

Year 12 - Stefano Paternostro

Please be reminded that all students must have shin pads when playing football and shin pads and a mouthguard when playing hockey. Without this equipment and due to health and safety they will not be able to participate fully in the lesson and will take part in alternative activities. All students in years 7 – 10 should have this equipment for their next Games lesson.

As we reach the end of term the PE Department would like to say well done to everyone that has attended sport clubs this term. It has been fantastic to see so many students wanting to learn and develop skills in various sports whilst also having the opportunity to compete against each other in various sports. We look forward to next terms sports clubs.

## CHRISTMAS AT MOUNT HOUSE

### Christmas Fayre: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

A huge well done to the 6<sup>th</sup> Form team who arranged the Christmas Fayre.

The event raised over £500 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. As well as raising money for a great cause it was lots of fun with some some great performances including the dancing elves!

The generous donations for the food bank will also be taken on the last day of term.





### **Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform 'Christmas Jumper' Day – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper day is on the 15th December. The students can come into school wearing their own clothes plus a Christmas Jumper (they do not need to wear school uniform underneath). They should bring in £2 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

On Tuesday 15th December, all students and staff will enjoy a special Christmas Lunch in their bubbles, with a slightly extended lunch time.

### **Mount House School Christmas Concert Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

We are hugely grateful to Rev. Dr Renz and the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley for allowing us to film our Christmas Concert.

A huge well done to all the students who participated playing instruments, singing and readings. We are delighted with the hard work and dedication involved and hope you enjoy the concert which will be sent to all parents on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The performances are listed below:

- Once in Royal David's City – MHS School Choir first verse solo Ava Adams and Savannah Durling
- 'A Visit from St. Nicholas' by Clement Clarke Moore – read by Zak Rahman-Cook
- Silent Night - MHS School Choir
- In Dulci Jublio Phantoms guitars - Joel Robinson, Nicholas Demetriou, George Cotgreave and Oscar Michaels
- Gospel readings from Matthew 2 and Luke 2 – Jemima Carroll
- White Winter Hymnal – Year 7 and 8 Christmas Choir
- Wind in the Willows – Emily Hooker, Anna Collington, Alice Reekie, Zoey Umenyiora, Mariam Demetriou and Ciara Nicolaides Year 8
- Little Drummer Boy House Band – Flute Esme Afwape and Violin Deni Izakov
- Ding Dong Merrily on High - MHS School Choir
- 'A Child's Christmas in Wales' by Dylan Thomas - Calypso Malialis Year 7
- 'The Christmas Song' Vocal: Thibaut Smith and Double Bass: Aine Smith
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas - MHS School Choir

### **MHS Choir Members**

#### **Year 7**

Temidayo Yussuff-Shittu  
Ava Adams  
Ciara Roche  
Savannah Durling  
Calypso Malialis  
Amelia Murty  
Alicia Ormrod

#### **Year 8**

Thibaut Smith  
Mona Vaseghi

#### **Year 9**

Evie Redpath  
Dara Koleva  
Delia Poli-Jerez  
Olivia Gray

#### **Year 10**

Katie Gallagher  
Aine Smith  
Olivia Richardson

#### **Year 11**

Mara McNally  
Ailsa Rae  
Katrina Taylor  
Charlotte Wheatley









### Christmas Bauble Decorating

Mrs Baird helped students get festive and creative as they enjoyed decorating Christmas baubles this lunchtime in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.



### ART with Mrs Somerville and Mrs Baird

Some fantastic Year 11 Art Coursework (left to right) Jess Franklin, Poppy Canty and Sadie Scott-Pickup





## MUSIC with Mr Whitehouse

The year 7 trumpet project has drawn to an end. I recorded the pieces they learned and will be editing and sharing them shortly. The pupils did very well and made plenty of progress with this fun and challenging instrument. If your child is interested in continuing trumpet lessons or learning a different brass instrument, please send me a message at:

[whitehouses@mounthouse.org.uk](mailto:whitehouses@mounthouse.org.uk)